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## NEWS ITEMS.

Communication by telephone between London and Dublin opened Friday.

Mr. O'Connell, rector of the American college in Rome, has resigned, owing to ill health.

Failures this week have been 253 in the United States against 147 last year, and 24 in Canada against 45 last year.

Laurel Mitchell, of West Virginia, clerk in the rebellion records division of the war department, has been dropped from the rolls.

Wednesday afternoon U. S. Ambassador Dayard paid his first official visit to Lord Salisbury since the latter's resumption of the premiership.

Senator Vest, of Missouri, called on the Westernland for Antwerp Wednesday morning, and will remain abroad for his health for several months.

At Ashbury Park, N. J., Zimmerman made an exhibition mile paced by a "Quail" in 1:57, the fastest mile ever ridden by the champion in America.

A special from Somerset, N. Y., on the Rome, Watertown and Ogdensburg railway, says that village has been wiped out by fire. The loss is \$10,000.

The board of trustees of the United Society of Christian Endeavor have decided that the convention of two years since shall be held at San Francisco.

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Amounts Expended on Northwestern Waterways.

WASHINGTON, July 16.—The report submitted to Maj. W. A. Jones on the improvement of the St. Croix river in Wisconsin and Minnesota shows that up to the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 1894, about \$108,000 had been expended on the stream.

During the past year the work was confined to dredging in the channel over the Illinois bay, which has facilitated the passage of raft boats with their large loads.

The report of Maj. Jones on the Minnesota river shows that \$124,926 have been expended on the stream up to June 30, 1894.

The same officer in his report on reservoirs at the headwaters of the Mississippi river says that the amount expended in this work, including examination at proposed dam sites, hydrological observations, land damages, amounts paid to claimants in attempted settlement of awards to Indians, and care and maintenance of works to the close of last fiscal year amounted to \$771,023.

The benefit of the reservoir volume extended over some 63 miles of river below Grand Rapids, of which 200 miles are navigable by steamer. The system has increased the depth of the channel at St. Paul between one and one and a half feet.

The annual report of Capt. H. F. Hoopes on the improvement of the upper Missouri river between St. Louis and Ferry and the lower limits of Sioux City shows that during the year just ended about \$108,405 was expended, leaving an unavail balance of \$99,917.

As a result of this work the piers obstructing the channel at Great Falls have been removed, the channel is now navigable by the White Bear and Wabasha islands have been closed by dams and spur dikes have been built out from the point of each of these islands to contract the channel and to increase the depth.

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## A LYNCHING.

Two Negroes Strung Up to a Tree at Hampton, Ark.

The Mob Surrounds the Jail and Compels the Sheriff to Deliver Up the Men—The Lynching Made No Effort to Conceal Their Identity.

CAMDEN, Ark., July 15.—About 12 o'clock Saturday night at Hampton, thirty miles east of here, two Negroes were mobbed by seventy-five men.

Two of them were arrested and confined in jail. The mob gathered several nights before, but were persuaded to desist, but it seems that new strength was added when seventy-five men demanded of the sheriff the delivery of the two men.

It was useless to resist with but a handful of men, so the keys were delivered to them. The Negroes were secured and carried to a neighboring forest, the enraged mob gave them a few minutes for prayer, when the ropes were adjusted and two spirits were launched into eternity.

"The men were not masked and made no effort in any way to conceal their identity. All was quiet this morning. It was only a couple of years ago that a race riot occurred in that county. The Negroes outnumbered the whites by far in Calhoun county, and further trouble is expected.

Circuit court was in session at the time of the murder, and the Negroes had been arraigned for trial. The main perpetrator had escaped, but the two mobbed Negroes were implicated in the crime. The pleadings of the prosecuting attorney availed nothing with the men who had assembled to take the law into their own hands.

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## HORRIBLE CRIME.

Findings of the Bodies of the Two Pined Children in a Celler in Toronto—The Father Murdered in Philadelphia.

Toronto, Ont., July 15.—The bodies of Alice and Nettie Pined, the missing daughters of Benjamin F. Pined, were found by Detective Cruddy, of Toronto, and Detective G. E. Geyo, of Philadelphia, Monday afternoon, buried in the cellar of house No. 10 St. Vincent street, in Toronto.

Alfred Pined, believed to have deliberately murdered the girls after he had first murdered their father in Philadelphia. Inquiries by the police led to the knowledge that Holmes and the children lived at that house in question, and search was made by the two officers.

They were both nude and laid there since last October.

The bodies of the little ones were buried three feet from the surface and were in a fair state of preservation.

Holmes, the alleged murderer of the girls, is held in Philadelphia on a charge of conspiracy, and a nice legal point now presents itself. The murder having been committed in Canada, the case must be tried within its boundaries, but as Holmes has pleaded guilty to one charge in the United States, he may insist on being sentenced for that.

Holmes, alias Harmon Mudgett, alias H. H. Howard, was born in New Haven, Conn., and attended a medical school at Burlington, Vt., and later at Ann Arbor, Mich. He was married at the latter place. He and a friend secured an insurance company in Chicago out of \$10,000 soon after graduating.

They made another haul of \$10,000 in a similar way.

Holmes went into the drug business and speculated. His wife went home and he married another woman, with whom he went to California. Returning in about a year he went to house-keeping with the woman typewriter of the company, whose acquaintance he had formed. He tried to cheat a fire insurance company out of \$50,000 but failed, and leaving that his typewriter and her sister had inherited \$50,000 laid a scheme to get the money.

The sister came to live with them and disappeared, while he and Minnie, the typewriter girl, took up their abode at the Plaza hotel, Chicago.

Holmes next appeared in Terre Haute, Ind., where he killed Pined out of jail. From there he went to Franklin, Ind., where he married Miss Yoke, and they spent their honeymoon in Denver, where Holmes made \$75,000 in speculation.

At Philadelphia later on he and Pined played the last card. Pined was insured in the Philadelphia Mutual for \$10,000. On September 1 he was found dead in the house at 1316 Callowhill street, which he had rented under the name of H. F. Perry. His body was badly burned and the face was almost unrecognizable. Holmes, Pined's wife and children identified the body as Pined's and \$75,000 of the insurance money was paid over.

Then Train Robber Hedgespeth gave the whole case away to Chief of Police Harrison, because Lawyer Howe, whom he had gotten into the conspiracy, had not paid him the promised reward.

Holmes was traced to Toronto, Burlington and Boston, and in the latter city was arrested, the boy being taken to Indianapolis and the two girls to Toronto.

Holmes awaits sentence in Philadelphia for insurance fraud, and the police expect to fix several murders on him.

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Attorney General of Texas Gives His Opinion on Prize Fighting.

The Opinion is Handed Down at the Instance of a County Attorney in View of the Approaching Fight Between Corbett and Fitzsimmons.

ATKINS, Tex., July 15.—Attorney General Crane Sunday gave to the public his opinion on the law of 1891, which prohibits prize fighting in Texas. The opinion is handed down at the instance of the county attorney of Dallas county, in view of the approaching fight there in November between Corbett and Fitzsimmons.

The attorney general holds that the law of 1891 prohibiting prize fighting is valid and operative. This opinion is contrary to that of many lawyers who contend that the law is invalid because it denounces the offense as a felony and affixes thereto the punishment of a misdemeanor; and, secondly, because the act is so indefinitely framed and is of such doubtful construction, considered either by itself or in connection with the other provisions of written law, that it can not be understood.

In rebuttal the attorney general holds the intention frequently controls the express language in the construction of statutes and following the doctrine laid down by the higher courts the courts are at liberty to eliminate that word felony, if such elimination were necessary to give effect to the legislative intent.

It must be plain that the court believed that the intention of the legislature was to prohibit prize fighting. If the court further believed that the fact that the legislature affixed the punishment of a misdemeanor to the offense of prize fighting and that the word felony was inserted by mistake, it was at perfect liberty to disregard that word in the construction of the statute.

He agrees that the doctrine of criminal appeals has held the law to be valid and he does likewise. He instructs the sheriff of Dallas county that it is not his duty to question the legality of any law, but that he must carry out its provisions to the letter until said law is set aside by the courts. The opinion is very likely to raise a stir among the Dallas people who are longing for the fight.

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